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## LOUISIANA.

**Rats—Protection Against, at Ports. (Reg. Bd. of H., Feb. 25, 1913.)**

Sanitary code amended by inserting after the article 11, as it at present reads, and as separate sentences, or paragraphs, following the last words of said article 11 as it now reads, to wit:

(a) No vessel shall come into any port in this State to land or to dock unless the said vessel shall be fended away from such landing, wharf, or dock for a distance of at least 4 feet, and every hawser, line, rope, or other means of staying said vessel to such wharf, port, or dock shall be provided with a rat shield or guard, properly attached to such line, hawser, or rope, which rat shield shall be of a pattern approved by the board of health of the State of Louisiana and shall be so designed and constructed, and shall be so used as to effectually prevent the egress of rats and rodents from such vessels to such wharves, docks, or landings.

(b) No gang plank, staging, ladder, skids, or other device whatsoever whereby rats and rodents may find egress from a vessel to such wharf, dock, or landing shall be ever allowed to extend from any vessel in communication with such wharf, landing, or dock except only during such times as such vessel is actually engaged in discharging or receiving cargo and at the time of loading or discharging cargo only when the master, owner, or agent of said vessel shall have stationed at every gang plank, and within 5 feet of the same, a person whose duty it shall be to prevent rats and rodents from reaching such wharf, dock, or landing from said vessel.

(c) While not actually in use all such staging, gang planks, and other devices and means of egress for rats and rodents from vessels to shore shall be so removed as to positively cut off all communication from such vessel to the dock, landing, or wharf.

(d) No freight so packed, or crated, as to allow the harboring of rats or rodents shall be removed from any vessel until the same shall have been examined and inspected by this board so as to insure the absence of rats and rodents from such freight.

(e) By "vessel" in the foregoing paragraphs is meant any boat engaged in traffic or the carrying of freight; by "wharf," "dock," and "landing" is embraced any place where a vessel may land her cargo, discharge or take on the same or receive or disembark passengers, whether the same be the natural shores of the seas, lakes, gulf, or other body of water, or the banks of a stream or river, or whether the same be an artificial structure erected for the convenience of commerce.

**Embalming. (Amendments to Sanitary Code, Bd. of H., Feb. 26, 1913.)**

Article No. 99.—After paragraph 8 insert a new paragraph.

9. No dead human body requiring embalming under these rules shall be accepted for transportation unless said body has been embalmed at least 8 hours.

Make paragraph No. 9 No. 10.

Article No. 105.—Strike out paragraph No. 3 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

3. The application shall be accompanied with a fee of \$10, which shall entitle the applicant to an examination as to his or her qualifications, and to a certificate should he or she pass said examination.

The above-mentioned fee, \$10, will include the first annual fee or fractional part thereof for the year in which the said certificate is issued.

Strike out article No. 108 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

108. All certificates shall expire December 31 of each year and must be renewed by the payment of \$2.50 within 30 days after the expiration of the term of the certificate.

Article No. 109.—Strike out paragraph 2 of article 109 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2. Members of board of examiners for embalmer's certificate shall not issue temporary permit to practice embalming in this State.